

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Clarence Stoel, Chairperson
Mr. Richard A. Price, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. William F. Luebke
Mr. John L. Margowski, Secretary

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEETING: March 9, 2009

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Clarence Stoel, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. All members were present. The minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections to the minutes. Mr. Richard Price made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. William Luebke seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

CASE #BV, (46310)

This case involves a single veteran that we assisted last year with a grant. At that time, he had a heart attack. He was self-employed as a truck driver. He lost his business and assets as a result of his illness. He also has a service connected back injury. The veteran had been truck driving for a private company. He lost his CDL License because of the medication he takes for his back pain and subsequently loss that employment. He has now undergone back surgery for his service connected back injury.

He receives VA Compensation in the amount of \$581.00/mo and his expenses are \$1,758/mo. He also will be in need of groceries and gas for transportation to get back and forth to the VA for his care.

John Margowski, Secretary, is asking the Veterans Service Commission to approve:

\$ 850.00	Rent to Anthony L. Stafford
353.67	WE Energies - this month only (Normally \$130.00)
123.76	Verizon - this month only (Normally \$55.00)
130.50	Acuity Insurance – 3/mo car & renter’s Insurance
250.00	Pick ‘N Save Warehouse Foods
<u>50.00</u>	Speedway – (Misc. Supplier)
<u>\$1,757.93</u>	TOTAL

Mr. Margowski requested possible second and third adjusted grants to be approved if needed.

The commissioners questioned the veteran's future. Per Mr. Margowski, the veteran has applied for Social Security Disability, and he applied for an increase in his service-connected compensation. He is using the VA for his health care.

Mr. Price made a motion to authorize payment and follow-up grants with adjustment not to exceed \$1,757.93. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There will not be a Salute to the Legislature this year. However, on March 31, 2009 there will be a Veterans' Stakeholder Conference at 30 W. Mifflin Street in Madison from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Annual Veterans Awards will also be presented. Veterans wishing to meet with their State Senator and members of the Assembly must contact their office to schedule and appointment to meet with them during the afternoon of March 31, 2009.

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum on April 16, 2009 will feature Bob Woodruff, ABC News Anchor as the keynote speaker, at there annual "Gala" Banquet. Tickets are \$100.00 each. Also, there was discussion regarding the City Allied Veterans Council, and the Cold War Museum that is planned for the Waukesha Nike Site. John Margowski encouraged the Commissioners to discuss within their own veterans groups the need to support this museum, but more importantly, to consider also including a Waukesha Veterans Building in conjunction with that museum.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. John L. Margowski,
Secretary

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